

these certificates shall be provided only to those persons described in G.S. 130A-93(c).

(d) Marriage certificates maintained by the local register of deeds shall be open to inspection and examination."

**SECTION 16.** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall develop any and all forms necessary for carrying out the purpose of this act and distribute them to the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court in each county.

**SECTION 17.** G.S. 51-1 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 51-1. Requisites of marriage; solemnization.**

The consent of a male and female person who may lawfully marry, presently to take each other as husband and wife, freely, seriously and plainly expressed by each in the presence of the other, and in the presence of an ordained minister of any religious denomination, minister authorized by ~~his~~ church, regular resident superior court judge of this State, or of a magistrate, and the consequent declaration by such ~~minister~~ minister, judge, or officer that such persons are husband and wife, shall be a valid and sufficient marriage: Provided, that the rite of marriage among the Society of Friends, according to a form and custom peculiar to themselves, shall not be interfered with by the provisions of this Chapter: Provided further, that marriages solemnized and witnessed by a local spiritual assembly of the Baha'is, according to the usage of their religious community, shall be valid; provided further, marriages solemnized before March 9, 1909, by ministers of the gospel licensed, but not ordained, are validated from their consummation."

**SECTION 18.** Section 17 of this act becomes effective May 19, 2001, and expires May 28, 2001. The remainder of this act becomes effective October 1, 2001.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2001.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 6:19 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

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## SESSION LAW 2001-63

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE DISTRICTS FOR THE GATES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Chapter 1047 of the 1973 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

**"Sec. 2.** For the purpose of electing members to the Board of Education, the County is divided into five residence districts and